

REFORMS PROMISED.

Declaration of the New French Prime Minister.

TAXATION WILL BE MADE MORE JUST.

Land Laws to Be Recast on a Better Mold.

AMNESTY TO EXILES.

PARIS, Dec. 4.—The most intense interest

was manifested today in the chamber of

deputies regarding the declaration of the

new government. Nearly all the members

were packed with an eager audience, including

many fashionably dressed ladies.

Among the latter was Madame Casimir-

Perier, wife of the late president. The

Perier family was also present in the diplomatic

gallery Count von Munster, the German

ambassador; Count Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen,

Austrian-Hungarian ambassador, and Baron

Reussman, Italian ambassador, the representa-

tives of the triple alliance.

M. Francois de Mahy acted as president

of the chamber. The usual formalities of

opening the chamber had been gone

through with M. de Mahy read a letter

from M. Casimir-Perier resigning the presi-

dency. The reading occupied only six

minutes including the time occu-

pled in interruptions and applause.

The prime minister said that the results

of the recent general election were the

manifestation of the confidence of the

people in the new government. He

stated that the government was

composed of men of different

views, but all united in the

desire to carry out the

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THE RULE STANDS.

Pension Checks Must Be Delivered to the Pensioner.

The rule prohibiting the delivery of official

pension matter excepting to the

pensioner, his wife or guardian is once

more the subject of discussion in official

circles. The trouble began about two

months ago. The pension authorities called

the attention of the postal people to the

fact that four thousand pensioners in Bal-

timore were having their mail matter ad-

dressed in care of four pension attorneys

of that city. The pension folks also stated

that it would be agreeable to them if the

mail containing pension checks should be

delivered only to the pensioners and not

to the attorneys. With this also of post

office inspectors and pension officers

this was done. It was only accomplished,

however, with considerable trouble. The

attorneys have contended that the rule

was not made for their benefit, and that

mail matter must be delivered by the Post

Office Department to either the addressee

proper or to the person in whose care it

was addressed. Many of their clients

were seafaring people, and it would occasion

great inconvenience to call personally

on the post office for their pension check.

Many had no wife, and many had no

city address and could not be reached by

the postal people. The pensioners, two

ago by Postmaster General Bissell

from Baltimore attorneys, asking that the

rule be abolished. They stated their rea-

sons and clearly the pensioners were

numerously signed. Mr. Bissell referred

the paper to Judge William Lochren,

commissioner of pensions, and that official

THE MISSOURI DEMOCRACY.

Indications of a Lively Fight in All

Congressional Districts.

The Party Dividing into Administra-

tion and Anti-Administration Fac-

tions—Mr. Cleveland's Policy.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 4, 1893.

Since the turning down of the Missouri

delegation in Congress by President Cleve-

land Missouri has been mightily agitated.

Following so closely upon the great struggle

of the extraordinary session that the

connection between patronage and the vote

upon the silver bill seemed clearly defined.

It accomplished the separation of factions

and divided the party within the common

wealth into administration and anti-admin-

istration wings.

So few are the democrats who have

gained access to the national big counter

since the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland

that the friends of the administration are

separated by the friends of the opposition.

On the silver question the party stands by its

delegation. On the question of patronage

it is greatly divided, and the tariff modifica-

tions recently set forth by the House com-

mittee have done their part in assisting the

general confusion.

Just at this juncture the absorbing theme

for political discussion is the effect all

these things heretofore outlined will have

upon the fortunes of the Missouri dele-

gation. The Missouri delegation, like the

Missouri's congressional delegation. What

new faces will appear next year? How

many of the old members will go back?

These are puzzling questions to answer,

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS.

Representative Martin Has Some

Views on Pension Affairs.

Representative Martin of Indiana, chair-

man of the committee on invalid pension

in the House which probably mark

the initiation of the new pension bill

made against the methods of suspending

pensioners, now in vogue in the pension

office. The first prohibits the suspension

of any pensioner until it has been con-

clusively proven that his pension was ob-

tained by fraud. The bill also provides

for an appeal from the Secretary of the

Interior to the Supreme Court of the

District of Columbia. The bill also pro-

vides for a Star for those who were the

only two general bills he has yet ready, but

that are the other measures under con-

sideration. He is very pronounced in his

opposition on the subject of suspension of

pensioners on suspicion.

THE BOOK OF ESTIMATES.

Items That Are of Local Interest In-

cluded in the List.

The annual estimates of appropriations

submitted to the Secretary of the

Treasury to Congress contain a number of

local items, among them the following:

For additions to the gun plant, Washington

navy yard, \$117,000; for continuing the

construction of the Congressional Library

building, \$90,000; for improving buildings

in the Botanic Gardens, \$5,000; for repairs

to the treasury, Winder and Butler build-

ings, \$100,000; for the improvement of

Washington city streets, \$500,000; for

buildings, etc., for the bureau of engraving

and printing, \$130,000; for repairs of the

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Some of the Beliefs of South Carolina

Negroes.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., November 29, 1893.

It is really remarkable how deep is the

undercurrent of superstition in the nature

of the negro. This is made manifest in the

most surprising ways, and very little about

the matter ever gets into print. But a few

days ago an old negro woman here remarked,

with an air of contempt, "The perience

needn't think dem white men nigger chicken

stealers, for dey allus got a nigger in de

"hole mammy" in question, but of other

negroes. It was found that there is a wide

spread belief among negroes who are super-

stitious that a particular bone in the tail

of any person, rendered him or her invisible.

The bone must be procured from a cat, and

placed in a pot alive and boiled. This

much was found from the negroes them-

selves. Confirmation came in a strange way.

A white man, a member of the local G. A.

R. camp, was a stonecutter, and was dis-

abled by a stone while at a quarry. Just

before he returned to work he was at the

quarry on a Sunday and there found one

of the laborers, a negro ex-convict, cooking

something in a covered pot. The negro

pulled some bones out of a mass of bones,

flesh and hair in the pot and tasted several

of the bones. The much disgusted specta-

tor, found that the fellow was cooking a

cat, and the background was a cat. The

ones brought to him, in order to get a certain

bone of the tail. He acknowledged that he

had placed the bone in the pot. The

idea of the police ever seeing, much less catching,

Washington Stock Exchange.

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Glove Sale

Extraordinary,

Tomorrow,

Tuesday, Dec. 5.

We shall place on special sale several

hundred dozen of LADIES' 4-BUTTON REAL

FRENCH DISSUED GLOVES, in all

colors and sizes, which were imported to

sell at \$1.50, but owing to the manu-

facturing putting small buttons on them

instead of larger ones, as we had ordered,

we obtained such allowance that we shall

offer the entire lot

At 100c.

A Pair.